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[Full-text transcription of: Witness John Raglin]

morning by the assistance of friends we did start leaving most of our property there, Since then I have returned and found the houses burnt & the property gone consisting of hous hold plunder and 2 q bee gums they enquired for Gums and got down one and took it away from the house belonging to one Josiah Littlefield they further said that they had been driven as long as they were a going to. that they had got Strong enough now to defend themselves that they intended to do it by the Sword that they were at the defiance of any Set of men who could come a =gainst them & that they now intended to make it a war of extermi =nation, the following of the defendants were in the above Company Voit. James H. Rattens Jesse D Hunter Darwin Chase & I think from his appearance Maurice Phelps was there but may be mistaken, Hunter appeared to be Captain or Commander of the Company as he did the most of the talking. but most all of them had something to Say and further this deponent saith not

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John Raglin a witness produced sworn and examined on behalf the State deposeth and saith I was in Gallatin when the Mormons made an attack on it which took place on one thursday in October. All the persons that were there left the town. Another Mormons, as I believe them to be to the number of about 150 or 200 all armed took posses—sion of the town and the Store and other houses were burnt as I learned that evening and further this deponent saith not

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Allen Rathburn a witness produced sworn and examined on behalf of the State deposeth and Saith, On the day before the battle with Bogard I was I was in far West and early in the morn =ing Daniel Carn One of the defendants here asked me to help him to grease his waggon I did so and asked him where he was going he said he was going out to Mr Raglins in Daviss County that there were about 40 bee Stands there they were going for directly afterwards I was down at Morrisons Store in far west there was a Company of 10 or 12 men with 2 or 3 waggons I heard Mr Huntingdon ask for brimstone some of the Company said they had 2 pounds Huntingdon answered that would do, Mr Hunter one of the defendants here, gave the word of com mand and they marched off Mr Daniel Carn with his Waggon with them late that evening I saw Danl Carn ["with" crossed out] his waggon at his grocery door in far west I saw Carn and Huntingdon unload

=ing & the waggon was loaded with one bee gum and houshold plunder consisting of beds or bed cloaths Kindes tied up Also there were onions in the waggon Mr Carn's that evening remarked that there would be in that night